

SPRING MEETING SUMMARY

Law Enforcement and Public Schools: Shared Issues of Concern for At-Risk Youth

Officer Jeff Stanczyk, Cleveland Police Department

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Officer Jeff Stanczyk, of the Cleveland Police Department provided CASP members with insight into the role of the Cleveland Police Department in providing for “at-risk” students. His presentation offered a most comical, yet very insightful viewpoint for school psychologists. In working with students who may be identified as being “at risk”, we have the opportunity to play an integral role in ensuring the safety of staff and students. Officer Jeff stressed the importance of recognizing and addressing potential crisis situations, such as violence in the schools. In addition, he mentioned that the Cleveland Police Department and other respective police departments are available to aid the school districts when in need.

Officer Jeff informed CASP members of the many ways the Cleveland Police Department is available to the community. The Community Relations Unit of the Bureau of Community Policing hopes to improve the quality of life for Clevelanders by fostering positive relations within the community. The Community Relations Unit coordinates and administers educational programs, conducts training programs, interactive meetings and informational classes. All services are provided free of charge to city residents, community organizations, and school districts. There are programs geared toward elementary students, middle school students, teens/young adults, and adults. An example of a program geared toward elementary aged students is the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program, which teaches young students about gun safety. The Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) program is available for middle school students, and the Law Enforcement Explore program is available for students who may be interested in a career in law enforcement.

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